

To: Chairperson and Authority Members

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From: Mehdi Morshed, Executive Director

Subject: **Agenda Item 7 — San Jose/Silicon Valley Presentation**

Discussion

The City of San Jose and Silicon Valley representatives will present an overview of Diridon Station expansion plans, downtown land uses, and San Jose Airport expansion. They will discuss local goals for high-speed train service and the potential economic impacts of a statewide high-speed train network on the Silicon Valley.

The San Jose Diridon Train Station is evolving into one of the major intermodal facilities in the Western United States, with existing connections to Caltrain, Capital Corridor, and ACE commuter rail services, Amtrak service, and Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) buses. The Vasona light rail system is currently under construction, and an extension of BART to this station is currently under study and partially funded. A high-speed train station at the Diridon station would be completely supportive of San Jose's downtown strategic planning.